



## Executive Order No. EO2020-0005

### DECLARATION OF FISCAL EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR CUYAHOGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, the life, safety and welfare of the residents of Cuyahoga County are in jeopardy due to the outbreak of a deadly infectious respiratory disease identified as the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is rapidly spreading, as numerous members of the community have been infected with the disease and the risk of serious illness is imminent and the resulting impact of the disease on Cuyahoga County residents and businesses is potentially catastrophic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19 (“State of Emergency”). The Ohio State of Emergency allows state departments and agencies to better coordinate in their response and the County of Cuyahoga must also engage in that effort; and,

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (“Director”) issued a Stay at Home Order pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3701.13 authorizing special orders for preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases (“Order”); and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020 the Director extended the Order through May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, unemployment in Cuyahoga County and throughout the State of Ohio has reached record levels; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the State of Emergency and the Order, taxable retail sales, investment earnings, and other revenues have declined significantly resulting in a projected budget deficit estimated at \$76,000,000 for fiscal year 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Armond Budish, County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, by virtue of the powers vested in me under Article 18, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, by the Charter of Cuyahoga County, and the laws of Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio, do hereby order and declare as follows:

1. As a result of the State of Emergency and Order issued to address the COVID-19 crisis, the County is projecting a budget deficit estimated at \$76,000,000 for fiscal year 2020.

2. Therefore, for the purpose of implementing a mandatory cost-savings program, if necessary, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 124.393, I am hereby declaring a Fiscal Emergency due to lack of funds to maintain current, and sustain projected, levels of staffing and operations of Cuyahoga County during fiscal year 2020.

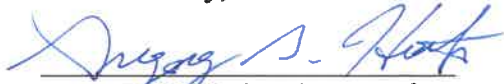
3. This Executive Order shall continue until it is rescinded or on December 31, 2020, whichever is earlier.

The original copy of this Executive Order shall be filed with the Cuyahoga County Department of Law and a copy shall be filed with the Clerk of County Council.

I have signed this Executive Order on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2020, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

  
Armond Budish, County Executive  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Attested to by,

  
Gregory G. Huth, Director of Law